

CARR-1025

KRICHTON'S BICYCLE SHOP

1895

Westminster

public

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Krichton's Bicycle Shop (site)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 12 Liberty Street (MD 27) ☐ not for publicationcity, town Westminster ☐ vicinity of congressional district Sixthstate Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: parking lot

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name City of Westminsterstreet & number City Hall telephone no.: 848-9000city, town Westminster state and zip code MD 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex liberstreet & number 55 N. Court Street foliocity, town Westminster state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Nonedate ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☒ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☐ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Krichton's Bicycle Shop was built in 1895 by Joseph H. Krichton for his bicycle sales and repair business. It is an excellent example of 1890s commercial architecture in Westminster. The building was two stories tall of frame construction and displayed a main facade of commercial characteristics, including a first story storefront, a large advertising sign in the center bay of the second story, and a Victorian style ornamental sign at the bracket cornice. The structure was demolished in the 1960s.

The location of Krichton's Bicycle Shop was on a lot at 12 Liberty Street which is now a corner of the Municipal parking lot at the southwest corner of Main and Liberty Streets. The building stood adjoining the alley across from the large stone building that currently houses B's Restaurant (CARR-472).

A newspaper article from an April 1896 edition of the Democratic Advocate describes the bicycle business of Joseph H. Krichton and states that he had the building constructed in 1895.

A photograph in the collection of the Historical Society of Carroll County shows the architectural characteristics of this building as a bicycle shop. It was two stories tall constructed of frame covered in weatherboard. The main facade displays Victorian commercial characteristics including a first story storefront, a large advertising sign in the center bay of the second story, and a Victorian style ornamental sign at the bracket cornice. The storefront contained a recessed side entrance with a ornamental scroll bracket and large plate glass windows with polychrome panels below. On the west side of the storefront was a four-panel door with transom leading to the second story. The windows on the second story of the main facade and in the two bays on both stories of the east facade were two-over-two sash windows. The first story storefront contained the framework for a large canvas awning. The roofline is concealed by the large advertising sign but shows an interior-end brick chimney in the center of the north facade.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Krichton's Bicycle Shop was an excellent example of the commercial architecture of Westminster in the 1890s. It was a frame building that contained ornamental details and advertising styles from the Victorian period. Built in 1895 by Joseph H. Krichton, it served as a commercial building in Westminster until the 1960s when it was demolished.

An article in the Democratic Advocate of April 1896 describes the early history of the bicycle in Westminster and the role of Joseph H. Krichton in promoting its use. Krichton constructed the building at 12 Liberty Street for use as a bicycle showroom, sales and repair shop. The building displays excellent characteristics of Victorian style commercial architecture in Westminster. It was later used as a barbershop and then was torn down in the 1960s.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Photographic Files - "Westminster Businesses," Historical Society of Carroll County
Democratic Advocate April 1896

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Westminster, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Joe Getty		
organization	Carroll County Dept. of Planning	date	July 1985
street & number	225 N. Center Street	telephone	848-4500
city or town	Westminster	state	MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

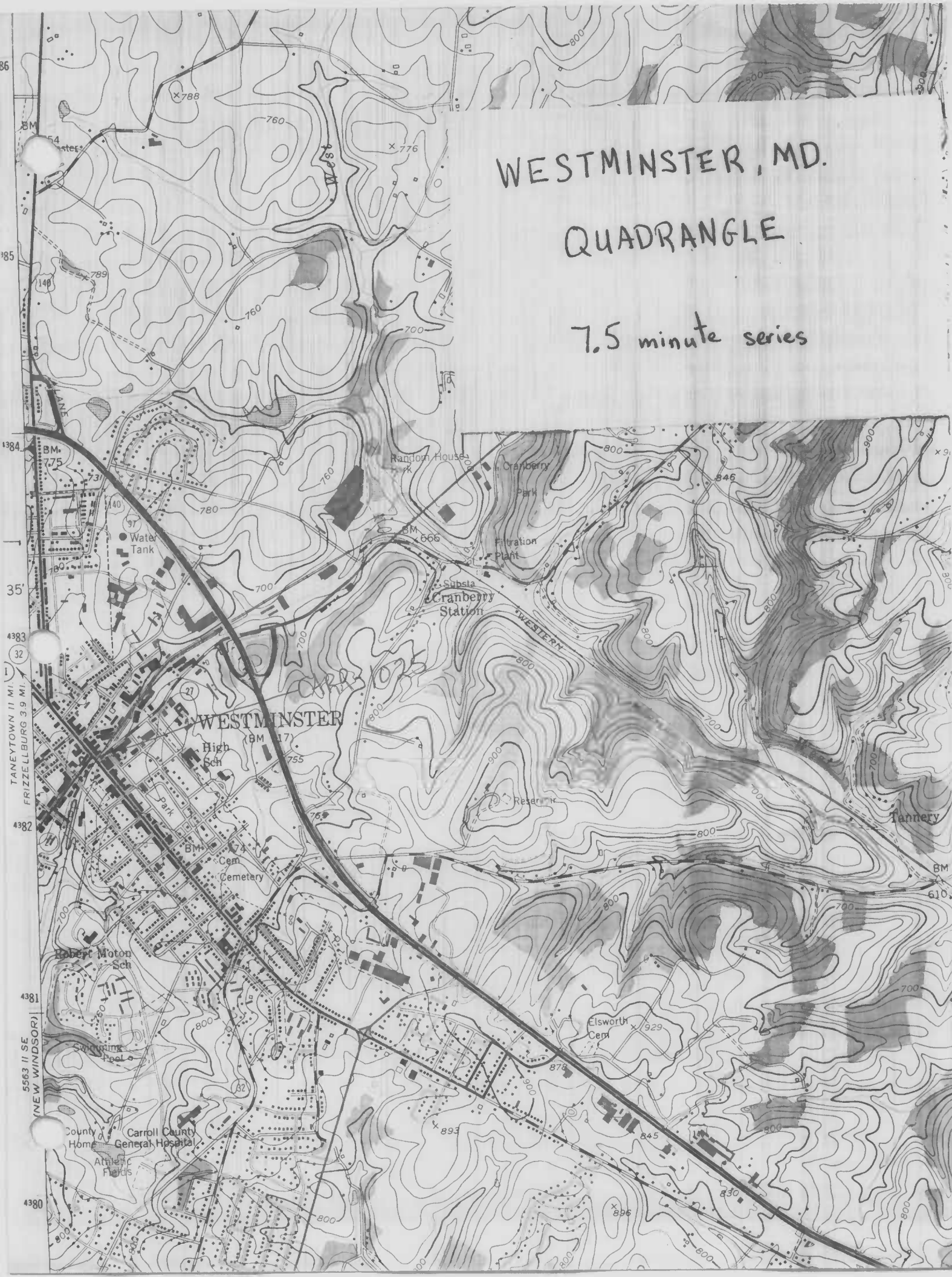
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1. CARR-1025 KRICHTON"S BICYCLE SHOP
2. Carroll County, Md.
3. unknown
4. c. 1910
5. Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. copy of photo in collection of the
Hist. Soc. of Carroll County
7. 1/1

